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Mrs. Claus greets the crowd at the Minden Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 16. See more photos on page 4. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Firefighters carry naloxone for a reason other than you'd think

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Fentanyl is a danger for drug users and it can be for the professionals working to help them.

That was an interesting detail described by Don Kruger, the Minden Hills fire chief, in his report to township council during its Nov. 14 meeting.

Mayor Bob Carter asked Kruger if firefighters carry naloxone in their vehicles. Naloxone, often referred to by the trade name Narcan, is a fast-acting medication that reverses the effects of opioids overdoses.

"We do carry the naloxone but at this point we have not received the full certification training to administer it to the public," Kruger said. "We carry it for our own safety."

Members of the public can go to a pharmacy to obtain a naloxone kit and freely administer it. But, as health care professionals, firefighters need to be certified.

"At this point in time, we carry it just for our own personal safety," he said. "If for example we are performing CPR on an individual and they have overdosed and one of the firefighter were to be exposed to something like fentanyl we carry the naloxone to administer to the firefighter."

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is 100 times more potent than morphine and it can often be absorbed into a person's body through skin contact or inhalation. That's why health care professionals wear protective gloves

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A healthy democracy needs to be nurtured: councillor

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Pam Sayne wants to hear council colleagues' thoughts on how democracy can better be supported in rural communities.

Councillor Pam Sayne, Minden Hills' representative on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, attended an Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in October. One of the initiatives discussed was AMO's Healthy Democracy Project.

The Healthy Democracy Project builds on another of the AMO's initiatives, which is the We All Win campaign. It aims to attract more diverse candidates to municipal office and to support elected officials to be equity-informed leaders.

The project is a tool to promote more respect for the people engaged in democratic processes and to encourage greater participation in local democracy, to increase in voter turnout.

Ultimately, a healthy democracy promotes greater civic engagement and greater awareness of the role of municipal government.

"My own explorations are based on Democracy as a verb," Sayne said. "I think we all understand that things are changing constantly. Our ways of doing business, technology, the environment, economics, our institutions are changing constantly.

"If we don't maintain and nurture democratic values, we could lose those democratic values."

It's crucial to educate the population about democracy to ensure that nurturing.

Sayne said many constituents don't understand that the townships within Haliburton County participate in a two-tiered system.

Participation in the democratic process has been waning recently. That's evidenced in the decrease in voter turnout in Minden Hills, she said.

There was about 5,000 people who marked ballots in the municipal election in 2014. That number dwindled to something like 3,000 voters and an acclamation in the following political contest.

"We need to really get more people engaged in democracy and understanding our roles and to encourage more involvement," Sayne said. "And particularly to get more people out with an educated vote."

Aside from shrinking voter turnout, fewer people are putting their names into the hat and running for political office and acclamations are on the rise. Plus, many of Ontario's municipal council aren't representative of the populations they serve.

"That's not a good sign for our democracy," she said.

There's another trend that's become more glaring in recent years.

Ontario's municipally-elected officials are increasingly dealing with hostile, unsafe work environments where political dialogue has become toxic and unproductive.

That can't be good for encouraging political participation.

"We often see the things that are going on in public with Facebook and some of the ways that it's being used," Sayne said. "Derogatory ways, non-constructive, are increasing the problems with trying to represent everyone and be a leader in the community. You put your family at risk and you're at risk when you start to become a leader."

The project has an advisory board comprised of people with lived experience who can provide advice in nurturing a robust democracy.

"One of the issues that comes up for me is that our senior levels of government tend to pass a lot of rules and dictates to us here at the lower levels that make people feel there's not an awful lot that can be accomplished," Mayor Bob Carter said.

Municipal governments are often hamstrung by higher government levels in financial matters, he said.

"Our finances come from property tax, which was put into place sometime in the 1840s and the provincial government has not changed the model since," he said. "And we live in a very different world."

Hopes are new system means no fire calls to med scenes

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when even handling the drug.

"But we will be moving forward with the training," Kruger said.

The exchange began when a councillor asked about a category of fire department activity referred to in a September report as simply "Public Assist." The report indicated there had been 30 such calls to the fire department that month.

"There is no definition for a Public Assist," Kruger said.

It simply refers to an instance when firefighters had help members of the public or another first response agency in the community such as paramedics or police.

"That is kind of a miscellaneous category, if you will," he said. "Something that can't be defined specifically, it goes under that category."

For various reasons the Haliburton County Paramedic Service is now residing locally more often because of a decrease in medical transports to other hospitals, Carter said.

"Have you noticed that the ambulances are more available and you don't have to be the one responding?" Carter said.

"That's difficult to say," Kruger said. "We do still respond to a large quantity of medical assist calls."

However, paramedics are at the scene ahead of firefighters nine times out of 10, he said.

"But we are required typically for a lift-assist," Kruger said. "A patient that is may-be too large for just the two paramedics to handle. Or gaining access to buildings, to rooms."

Just recently, firefighters were asked by paramedics to remove a toilet so a patient could safely be removed from the room.

"As far as the numbers go, they have not decreased as of yet," Kruger said.

The province is moving to a new dispatch system and Kruger said there's hope that new system will decrease the number of medical calls to which the fire department responds.

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The Times

County budget reflects careful balance of more from less

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Haliburton County residents could pay the equivalent of an average bottle of wine to cover the upper tier portion of their tax bills next year.

The total levy required to maintain county services in 2025 is a little more than $25 million, which represents an extra $13 per $100,000 of assessment on a residential property.

That's a 5.15 per cent tax rate increase over last year.

The economic and fiscal impacts from various sources continue to have significant operating budget pressures next year. These impacts have bearing on discussions to ink the county's 2025 capital and operating budget.

"As service delivery costs continue to increase each year there is a continued concern that overall county service levels may be impacted to accommodate these increases," according to a draft of the budget presented during council's Nov. 13 meeting.

Cost increases were highlighted to provide council an understanding of the impact those costs have on the overall annual tax rate.

"Today is intended as an introduction to the budget," said Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "Some members of council have been working on it for a bit."

It's hoped a final draft of the 2025 budget will be ready by mid-December.

"Unless we run into any roadblocks between now and then," Danielsen said.

"We have a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility within the county," said Gary Dyke, the county's CAO.

Treasury staff have been focused on soundly prioritizing how money is spent, he said.

"We made a number of changes in the budget where we shifted money away from certain things to reference the importance of them," Dyke said.

The spine of the prioritizing was ensuring required services will be provided efficiently for county residents, he said.

"The way the budget is put together, it reflects a careful balance of the acknowledgement of the impacts of any increase on the ratepayers across the county," Dyke said. "But also at the same time recognizing the pressures being put on the local municipality as well. The spheres of influence that directly relate to them. We've taken that into account."

Some of that financial pressure on the lower tier municipalities is in the service cost increase for local policing by the OPP. It averages to an about 22 per cent rate increase over last year's policing bill.

"We've taken all that into consideration," he said. "However, at the same time, we experience our own significant financial pressures at the county level as well."

That pressure for the upper tier is reflected in the costs for social services and housing services through the county's partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Dyke said the cost of those services for Haliburton County has increased by a whopping 33 per cent. According to draft budget documents provided by Kawartha Lakes, that increase equates to about an extra $700,000.

"Which has a significant impact on our budget going forward," he said. "These increases come at a time … where, once again, we received a 15 per cent decrease in the infrastructure funding we receive from the province."

That provincial funding has decreased by that amount each of the last three years.

For perspective: The province cut a cheque for $630,000 for infrastructure services in the county in 2022. That amount has dwindled since then to $387,000 that will be received next year.

"We are faced with the immovable challenge of raising funds to do the work that we're charged to do with an antiquated revenue system which is the property tax base," Dyke said. "It was a system that was introduced in Ontario in 1849 and, aside from some new classifications put in place, it's roughly the same process, the same system that was put in place in 1849."

He said there is no reflection of how much money residents make a year. Rather, taxation is based on how much a property is worth. In Haliburton County, about 72 per cent of the tax base is residential properties.

"Just in perspective, the provincial average is 21 per cent," he said. "We're very mindful of that."

Gather round the tree

The Tree Lighting Ceremony, held on Nov. 14 was attended by carollers from the public and delicious hot apple cider was served by the Rotary Club of Minden. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Candace McGuigan reaches to place an ornament on the Christmas tree.

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- **November 21 – Special Meeting**
- **November 28 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **December 12 – Regular Council Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal. Please note that there is only one meeting in December.

Notice of Location Change for Regular Council Meeting

Due to renovations taking place in the Minden Hills Council Chambers, the November 14th Regular Council Meeting will be held in the **County of Haliburton's Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden**.

NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLED

TAKE NOTICE that the Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law scheduled for Thursday, November 28th, 2024, has been cancelled until further notice.

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- This is the final week for exhibit Burner Herzog by local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm.
- The Gallery will be closed from November 26 to December 4. We reopen on December 5 with an exhibit from our permanent collection, featuring André Lapine (1866-1952).
- Join us on November 22 for our PA Day Open House! Explore Nature's Place with interactive activities for all ages, and seasonal crafts led by our instructors from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Don't miss the free screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) starting at 1:00 PM, co-hosted by the MHCC and the HCPL – Minden Branch. Light refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own snacks.
- The UFO Craft Group will be meeting on Friday, November 22 from 1pm to 3pm.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

DELAYED OFFICE OPENING

The following facilities will have delayed opening hours on Tuesday, November 26, 2024:

- Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St.);
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NOTICE: SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL & PUBLIC MEETING – 2025 BUDGET PROCESS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 am during its Special Council Meeting regarding the 2025 Budget Process. Members of the Public are welcome to participate and provide their comments. PLEASE NOTE that this meeting will be held in the County of Haliburton's Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden. To view the full notice and for more information visit our website.

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- There will be no Public Skating on Sunday November 24th from 2:30pm-4:00pm
- There will be no Adult Stating on Tuesday November 26th from 9:00am-9:50am

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Have a holly jolly Christmas

Crowds were elated to greet Santa Claus at the Minden Santa Claus Parade held on Saturday, Nov. 16. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Crafting with care

Visitors chat with an artisan at the Minden Craft Fair on Sunday, Nov. 9. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Floyd Hall donates $25,000 towards diagnostic imaging

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Carry naloxone

WHEN I was in high school, one of my closest friends overdosed while using heroin.

To everyone, he just seemed like a stoner. Sometimes he would come to class high, but it seemed harmless enough.

His life was saved from someone administering naloxone. It is so long ago, so I cannot remember if it was someone with him, or a stranger that administered it, but he was saved by someone carrying a naloxone kit.

This week, I learned that firefighters carry naloxone, but not for the reasons that you would expect.

Minden Hills Fire Chief Don Kruger says that firefighters carry naloxone for their own safety. If a firefighter comes in contact with fentanyl, it is possible that they would need to administer naloxone to prevent an overdose. Kruger assured the council that the firefighters are moving forward with getting the training to administer naloxone.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

They have the naloxone kits on standby, but they are not allowed to use it on someone that needs it?

If I see someone overdosing on the street, I can pull out my naloxone kit from my car and administer it to save their life. The Good Samaritan Overdose Act provides people with protection when they administer naloxone in an attempt to save someone's life. So if a firefighter comes across someone overdosing, will they throw the naloxone kit to them? I can imagine a scenario in which firefighters are performing CPR on someone that is overdosing.

"What a funny coincidence that there is a naloxone kit on the ground," says the firefighter. "It would sure be nice if a good samaritan like you would spray it in their nose," as the firefighter daintily bats their eyelashes.

This does not make sense to me. I supposed that working as an emergency services worker, they need to have the certification to protect themselves legally should anything go wrong, but on the other hand anyone on the street can administer it.

Everyone that is capable of administering naloxone, should carry a kit with them. Drug use and addiction is an epidemic that is not talked about in Haliburton County. You never know when your kit could save someone's life.

Be warned though, when you administer naloxone on someone, it kills their buzz. It strips away their high. Stripping someone of their high can either anger them or perhaps they would be grateful that you saved their life.

If you find someone that you believe is overdosing, call 911. Administer naloxone if you have it, but protect yourself. Just like in an airplane going down, put your oxygen mask on before you help others. Get the person help, but if they are violent or start to threaten you, get away from them. Let the emergency services deal with them if they become unruly. When necessary, perform CPR before emergency services arrive.

Correction:

In last week's *Echo* and *Times*, the event start-time for the upcoming Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library 16th Annual Fundraiser Event was written incorrectly. Please note that the event starts at 1 p.m. for the silent auction and refreshments, with RH Thomson's presentation starting at 2 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion.

"I'm terrible at guessing ages. Are you sisters? Mother and daughter?"

Little trophies

OVER THE eons, countless people have asked the question, "What is the definition of a true friend?"

Well, to me and hundreds of others, the answer is, "A hunting buddy who consistently shoots smaller deer than I do."

Say what you want, but those are the best guys to have around you at any deer camp.

Let me begin by saying, the deer I harvested this year was certainly not the biggest one I have ever taken. Nor was it the smallest. The best way to describe it is that it was not exactly the kind of deer that would make the cover of a sporting magazine – even if the photo was actual size.

STEVE GALEA
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To me, it was the perfect deer though. You see I had hunted ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock, squirrels, hares, and pheasant earlier in the season and my freezer could not have accommodated the meat from a deer one pound larger.

Having said that, there is a certain pecking order after the deer season ends. At the top of that order is the guy or gal that shot the biggest buck. That person is easily recognized because he or she has a cell phone loaded with deer photos. And it is kept in a quick draw holster too. That person might even be wearing a T-shirt showing a selfie of him or her with the buck he or she tagged. Unless you have several hours to kill, avoid these people at all costs.

Hunters who shoot less than trophy sized deer will not take up that much of your time, however. We keep our cell phones deep inside our pockets and will only bring them out under duress. Which is to say, we have nothing to brag about – other than we filled our tags and were able to put nice tender venison in the freezer.

This is not to say that we are not prepared to brag, however. If you corner us and leave us no way out, we will. For instance, if a conversation about this year's deer season gets competitive, I plan on showing a photo of my deer and arguing it takes a really good shot to hit a target that small. Or I will lie and say the photo was taken from a quarter mile away.

Of course, it's all relative. That's why one of my old friends moved up the rank towards best friend status this deer season. In an unintentionally selfless act, he shot a deer much smaller than the one I shot.

You might think that this is insignificant. But I would argue that this is one of those weird things that helps form a lifelong bond. Primarily because we now share a set of common experiences. For instance, neither of us threw out our backs dragging our deer from the woods. Nor did either of us need the mechanical advantage of a block and tackle to hang our deer from the rafters for cooling and aging. Field dressing, skinning, butchering and packaging were all easier and less time consuming for both of us this year too.

Better still, when two of us show the photos of our deer to other folks, I will suggest his is "average sized" and he will label mine a "giant." And we will back each other up on this too.

We take no pride in this. OK, maybe just a small amount.

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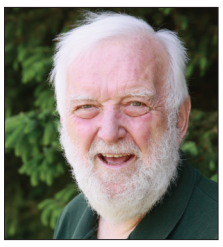
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Fulfilling a promise

IT LOOKS as if this will be the final election, whenever it comes, for Justin Trudeau at the helm of the federal Liberal Party. All indications point to a drubbing that will rival the disappearance of the Conservatives under the then newly installed leadership of Kim Campbell. They landed with just two seats from a governing position of 156, following the election of 1993. Current polling indicates that the Conservatives have such a wide lead, that romp is too mild an adjective to describe what appears to be inevitable. Stampede, tsunami or perhaps annihilation come to mind.

While there appears to be little to stem this tide, there is one thing that the Liberals could do before their rush for the exit begins ... Bring in proportional representation.

I hear the gasps, but there is a number of reasons for considering this piece of electoral reform before they ask the Governor General to drop the writ.



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Special to the Times

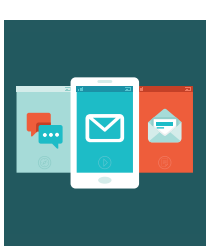
When Justin Trudeau was first elected in 2016, one of his signature promises was the introduction of electoral reform, proportional representation … a process whereby political parties are assigned a limited number of seats based on the percentage of votes received in an election. The current first past the post often results in a lopsided win for one party over the others; lopsided in that the winner takes control with often as little as 32 to 35 per cent of the total vote, leaving 65 per cent of the voters with little or no representation. The first past the post system means that minority or fringe parties, NDP and Greens, will always be wall flowers at the dance in Ottawa unless one of the main parties needs their support, as does a minority government, as we are experiencing now.

Introducing proportional representation legislation, even on a trial basis for two terms, would give the Liberals an opportunity to point to and even campaign on the fact that they delivered on what is now a very dusty and ignored signature promise from the start of Trudeau's leadership.

The legislation with surely gather support from the NDP and the Greens because it would enhance their chances of having a more meaningful say in how the country is governed. It would force the governing party to listen to a broader spectrum of Canadians when crafting new laws, rather than relying on their own navel gazing to determine what is best for everyone. The Block, now that is a different kettle of poissons. Proportional representation might help them in close races, but since they are strictly a Quebec based party, they are not in a race to govern, so they might back the idea as well.

Initially, the Liberals suggested a public consultation before introducing the change. They have run out of time for such a lengthy process. Other countries, like New Zealand, introduced a form of proportional representation for two terms starting late last century and then asked their citizens if they wished to continue with system or return to first past the post. To this day, New Zealand continues with a form of proportional representation.

I speculate that Trudeau walked away from proportional representation after he was first elected as leader, because he saw how the first past the post system favoured the big parties. Both Liberals and Conservative have been rewarded by this system and would likely give it up reluctantly. Power is a potent drug and a party with a majority is not going to introduce changes that would undercut its chances of staying power. However, the writing is on the wall for the Liberals. This could be their legacy piece of legislation ... the one that puts them in the history books for introducing change, rather than for dodging a missed opportunity.



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Minden Memories

A winter scene of snowmobilers being greeted by a friendly deer. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

letters to the editor

We need community

To the Editor,

I am officially in mourning for the death of life as we have known it, as the results of the American election roll in. As the infrastructure of democracy crumbles the world over, we have little choice but, as the old Sunday School song said, to *Brighten the Corner Where You Are.*

We need to intentionally build community in the small part of the world over which we influence and control. We must refresh our sense of citizenship, steward the land as well as our Indigenous forebears did, practice our neighbourly skills, be kind and compassionate while holding people with whom we have relationships accountable for their behaviour.

Building community is within memorable history here because we are regularly reminded that we are not the boss of nature, that it›s bigger than us and marches to its own drummer, that it holds us accountable for our behaviour. Embracing that humility gives us a chance to manage what awaits.

Fay Martin
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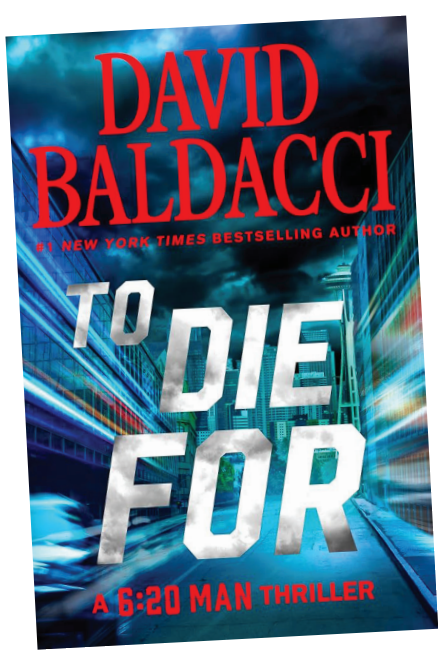
HCPL's Book of the Week



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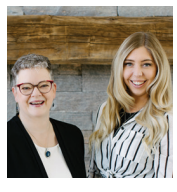

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Walker credits community for curling successes

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Times Staff

Haliburton County local Jake Walker was recently inducted into the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame. He credits his success to the support he received over the years in curling. / Photo submitted

Jake Walker got his start in curling with the Minden Curling Club. "They had a great program and helped me get my feet, understand the game," he said, "and have a lot of fun doing it."

Little did he know, the small community centre would be the start of a lifelong passion for the decorated athlete.

At the end of September, Walker was inducted into the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame. The Haliburton County local dove into the sport at the age of eight in Minden, and he never slowed down. By the age of 14, he filled in for a bantam team member at the provincial championships, and by the following year, was playing for the team competitively. "Enter, the start of my competitive team," said Walker.

When he started high school in Haliburton, Walker joined the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling team, coached by Tom Dibblee. "(He) was a great influence on our mental wellbeing during tough, competitive events, leading us to many great wins," recalled Walker.

The athlete remembers one specific time during a particularly tense game, Dibblee asked the team "what colour are we?"

"This was not a typical thing you hear from a coach in those situations," said Walker, "but a reminder to get out of our heads, remain calm, and let our better judgment come through when emotions may run high."

Walker credits Dibblee as "a great influence" on him personally, when navigating his own mental toughness through the game.

Walker went on to attend the University of Waterloo, where he joined the UW Warriors curling team. At that time, his coach was Scott Allen, who supported Walker as he stepped into a leadership position for the team. Walker noted that Allen was instrumental in alleviating outside pressures, allowing him to focus his energy on performing, and developing strategy for the game.

In 2010, Walker and his curling team won the Canadian Juniors, followed by a bronze medal at the World Juniors. His coach through those tournaments was John Thompson, who pushed the team to be their absolute best. "(He) held us accountable to being the best at our craft, and enabling us to just focus on being a good team and individually high performers," Walker recalled.

"I have many to thank from all my successes," said Walker. "It's hard to just pick one."

But right at the top, through Walker's eyes, is none other than his mother, Nancy Walker.

"My mother was very devoted to driving me everywhere for competitions," he said. "Not something to take lightly, as it's a very time consuming activity, similar to many other competitive sports that require travel."

Walker truly believes he would not be where he is, without the unwavering support of his mother, "one of my biggest supporters and my biggest fan," he shared.

In 2021, Walker was inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, and as of September, is officially a member of the Waterloo Warriors Sports Hall of Fame.

"I'm truly honoured by this induction. I'm joining a very elite group of athletes in the Warriors Hall of Fame, and that's something that's going to stay with me for the rest of my life," said Walker, "just like that same humbling honour it was to join the Haliburton Hall of Fame."

As for next steps, Walker intends to continue exploring his love of the sport, but he says it's been put on pause for the time being, as he and his wife have four young children, all under the age of six. "My wife and I have a very full life, so curling has taken a back seat while I prioritize what's most important to me," he said.

He knows that one day, he will step back into the sport, but he wants to make sure he is ready. "For me, getting back into it won't be a half measure," he said. "If I'm going back in, I'm going in hard, with the goal of making it to the top with no excuses."

Christmas Toy & Food Drive 2024

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us to make a difference!

As the Christmas season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates.

Option 1: Call - text 705-457-6901, email info@hchba.ca in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts. We will take them to the local distribution centers.

Option 2: Drop off your gifts at one of our partners. We will then pick up from there.

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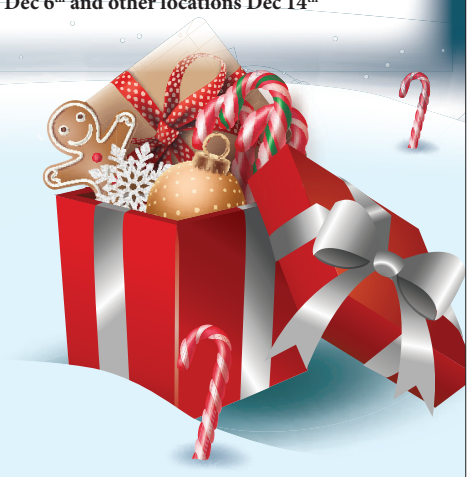

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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's 2024 Holiday Auction

When: Nov. 17 to Dec. 8
Where: Online
Online fundraising auction beginning Nov. 17 and ending Dec. 8. Support our purchase and protection of the 100 acre Hadlington property in Highlands East. Register today at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca to bid on the over 130 items generously donated by business and individual supporters.

AH Virtual Enviro-Cafe

When: Tues., Nov 19 at 7 p.m.
Where: Virtual (Zoom)
EH! Hosting virtual event. featuring Dr. Jennifer Penney who will talk about how we can adapt to extreme weather events caused by climate change. Register in advance by going to www.environmenthaliburton.org

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday, Nov 21 at 1:30pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
Haliburton County HIstorial Society invites you to learn the history of Fleming College in Haliburton County. Presented by Monika Watson, Outreach and Recruitment Office, Fleming College.

Christmas Luncheon & Bake Sale

When: Nov. 22:
Bake Sale 11 a.m., Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Minden, lower level
Enjoy a lunch of soup, sandwiches, goodies, tea or coffee. Check out the pies and other baked goods in our bake sale. Everyone welcome to enjoy a friendly gathering.

An Afternoon with R.H. Thomson

When: Sunday, Nov. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, 719 Mountain Street. Haliburton
Guest speaker is R.H. Thomson, author of "By the Ghost Light". R.H. Thomson is also known for his role as in Road to Avonlea and the Murdoch Mysteries. Silent auction, refreshments and an informative presentation! Books available for purchase on site. Tickets are $25, cash or cheque only. Tickets can be purchased at the Minden Book Nook or by contacting Pat Brezina at 705-286-1958 or Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000. Proceeds for this event support library programs throughout our county.

Recurring events

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Seniors Chair Exercises

When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street
Please join us for safe and gentle exercises for seniors to help with balance, strength and flexibility. Free to join.

Christmas in the village

Visitors enjoyed crafts, drinks, and meeting Santa at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday. Mary Hamilton was hard at work in the MHCC Candy Shoppe over the weekend. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Brittany and Ian Bottum of Minden snap a picture with Santa and their two boys, Cash and Reese at the annual Christmas in the Village event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

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Huskies lose against the blues 6-0

The Huskies and the Blues could not keep their hands off each other on Saturday, Nov. 16 in Minden. They were defeated 6-0 and a combined total of 18 penalties were given out due to fighting. The Huskies return to the county on Nov. 30. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS PUBLIC SURVEY

Are you a resident of Kawartha Lakes or Haliburton County?

The Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team is a collaboration of health and social care providers working to improve health access and outcomes in our community and wants to hear from you!

Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team

We are conducting a public survey to better understand the health needs of our region. Your input will play a vital role in improving healthcare for everyone in our community. By sharing your experiences, you can help us create a system that truly meets our residents' needs.

TAKE THE SURVEY

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Minden Rotary clowns make donation to food centre

The Minden Rotary Club Celebrity Clowns are a group dedicated to community service and fundraising. They actively engage in local events, such as the Santa Claus parade, where they encourage attendees to donate their cash and change for community support particularly for the food bank. Their playful approach includes handing out little red clown noses and collecting financial donations in large red noses pulled on little red wagons along the parade route. Recently, the Celebrity Clowns raised over $517 for the Minden Community Food Centre, showcasing their commitment to helping those in need this holiday season. Collect your loonies and twoonies and pocket change and bring it to future community events. The Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns will be there. The community "nose" how to support Rotary.

Donations made on the mindenrotary.ca Website will receive a tax receipt. Please specify in the note when you donate that a Celebrity Clown sent you. The total donations made all return to community projects and non profits.

Submitted

Sally Moore, (Rotarian and Celebrity Clown), Jean Munroe (manager of Minden Community Food Centre) and Lynette Grey (Assistant Manager) accept the proceeds exceeding $517. /Submitted

Algonquin Highlands hosts tree-lighting celebrations

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will host three tree-lighting celebrations – in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake, respectively – in late November and early December.

"It's difficult to believe, but the holiday season is fast approaching," says Mayor Liz Danielsen. "In Algonquin Highlands, we're continuing the tradition of community tree lightings. We invite residents to come out, see their neighbours, sing some carols, enjoy some hot chocolate, and help us usher in this festive time of year."

The Stanhope event will take place Friday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. outside the Algonquin Highlands Administrative Office at 1123 North Shore Road. The Dorset tree lighting will happen Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. at Lions Centennial Park at 1054 Main Street. In Oxtongue Lake, the festivities will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Community Centre at 3979 Highway 60.

Each event will include carols, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa Claus. Residents are asked to bring a travel mug to enjoy their hot chocolate.

Submitted

Township of Algonquin Highlands

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 27, 2024, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 21 021 000 04310 0000; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39100-0405 (LT); PT LT 10 CON 13 MCCLINTOCK PT 2 19R5505; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-32
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $26,500
Minimum Tender Amount: $7,285.54

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This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.algonquinhighlands.ca or you may contact Karen Mintz, Tax Administrator, The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1S0, Phone: 705-489-2379 Ext. 323, Email: kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca

Township of Minden Hills

Notice of Special Council Meetings – 2025 Budget

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is preparing its 2025 Municipal Budget.

Council at its November 21, 2024, Special Council meeting will receive an overview of the Draft Budget, input from the Public, and approve Water and Wastewater Rates.

The Adoption of the Water and Sewer rates will be considered at the November 28, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

Council will continue to consider the budget at several upcoming meetings

- **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**: Operating and Capital Budget review for the Fire Department; Public Works Department; and Administration.
- **Thursday, January 16, 2025:** Operating and Capital Budget review for the Community Services Department; Planning Department and Building Department.
- **Tuesday, February 4, 2025**, Adopt and Finalize the 2025 Budget.

Please note that dates are subject to change and are dependant on deliberation discussion and direction.

Supported material including the Budget Book will be provided on the agenda(s) located on the CivicWeb portal site.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Vicki Bull, Clerk
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Be kind to your postal worker

A flyer was handed out to passers-by on Friday, Nov. 15 at the Minden postal office.

"With the strike happening those who know us support us. But there is a lot of misinformation out there. Many don't believe in unions and don't think the postal workers matter anymore. What they don't realize is our union isn't just fighting for us and our jobs. Times are changing and it's getting harder and harder to find fair paying jobs with good pension and benefits in Canada. Our union is fighting to keep 55,000 of these jobs not just for us but for our kids and grand kids so they can have a future."

"Many people say we aren't necessary anymore. I want to remind you a few short years ago when the world shut down and everyone was stuck at home the whole world relied on postal workers. Working overtime, weekends, some delivering two and three routs a day to make sure customers had what they needed when they couldn't leave their houses. Some say they don't need us now. Maybe you don't, but I have customers who rely on me daily still."

"People see the raise they are offering and say it's more than fair. Not knowing it's a raise over the next four years also not knowing we haven't been given a raise since COVID. I pay for gas and insurance, the raise they are offering doesn't even come close to the inflation we have experienced since COVID."

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Minden postal workers and their families came out in support of the current postal strike that started on Friday, Nov. 15. /Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

"Canada Post claims a $780 billion dollar loss. I can say that's not even close to the truth. Last year we watched them deploy a fleet of high tech trucks Canada-wide. They are building many new facilities and upgrading our technology. That isn't a loss. It's an investment into their own company."

"These unions are fighting for their jobs and members. They are fighting for Canada and the workforce in Canada. Times are hard for everyone."

"You might still not agree but please refrain from judgements. Your postal workers are people just like you with families and responsibilities. Some with single income houses and many kids to feed. We don't want to strike and can't afford to strike but we are doing what's necessary. Short term pain for long term gain."

"I'm kindly asking to reserve judgement, be patient, and share my words which are: *please kind to your postal worker."*

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Answers on page 12

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All eyes on Haliburton for new turtle tunnel fencing system

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

The Turtle Guardians have worked on their turtle tunnel fencing project for the past six years. After reviewing similar projects throughout North America, Leora Berman says that they are excited to announce a new version of turtle tunnel fencing to be used in Haliburton County and beyond.

Berman says that there are 97 potential sites in the county worthy of a turtle tunnel fence system. The Turtle Guardians are focusing their efforts on installing the tunnel fencing on high mortality sites first. These sites are where turtles frequently cross the road. They are not just hazardous to the turtles, but hazardous to drivers.

Installation, maintenance, durability, and cost of materials were all factors to consider when coming up with their new design. Ultimately, they landed on using half-cut food grade steel barrels with stabilizers, buried below road shoulders. This would allow the barrels to be backfilled and allow animals to get off the road, but prevent smaller animals from going on the road. They also needed to not be an eyesore and could handle a heavy snow load in the winter. The half-cut barrels act as a barrier that coerces turtles towards ecopassages for safe travel across the road.

Berman says that a turtle will not typically travel more than 50 metres from its annual path without becoming distressed. Making the turtles travel further afield or translocating them can pose a real risk to their lives as they must remain in their home-ranges.

Berman estimates that the half-cut barrel design costs $15 to $20 per metre, is easy to install, and manufacture.

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"We wanted to make sure this was foolproof," says Berman.

For the past three years, the Turtle Guardians have worked with the county to pilot this prototype to protect the lives of turtles and drivers. Their new design for turtle tunnel fencing was tested in Gooderham with positive results.

The Turtle Guardians will begin the installation of their latest turtle tunnel fence in the coming weeks. "We will continue to do it until the snow flies," says Berman. Late fall is the perfect time to install the bespoke tunnel fencing as most of the turtles in the area have already begun to brumate. Staff will check the areas in which they are installing the fencing to ensure that they are not disturbing nests or brumating turtles. This time of year also means that there is less traffic on the roads without the summer visitors. Topsoil will be added after installation and a native species of grass will be planted.

Turtle Guardians is actively recruiting volunteers to assist with installing the tunnel fencing. Diggers are required to aid in the installation of the fences. Flaggers are on hand and Berman says that all gear will be supplied to volunteers, except safety boots.

The Ministry of Transportation is keeping their eye on this turtle system, says Berman. If successful, the system could be implemented across Ontario highways with upgrades such as adding a coating to the barrels to lengthen their durability beyond 10 years. The ministry is looking at ways to save species protected by the Endangered Species Act. So far, Berman says that working with the Roads department has been a great collaboration.

"We have seen big losses," says Berman. This and last year, the Turtle Guardians saw the most fatal collisions against turtles, and this year, losses of the largest turtles. With turtles only being able to replace their numbers every 60 years, this year has shown massive losses to the wildlife and ecosystems of Haliburton County.

"We are only smart if we work together," says Berman. Working together with road crews, the county, and the public we can find a balance, ensuring turtles will be around for our grandchildren and theirs. Only as a community can we work towards the best solutions.

The Turtle Guardians would also like to announce the release of the 2025 Turtle Calendar. This year showcases rescue turtles in custom-made scenes where they work various jobs including road crew, barista, firefighter, OPP, doctor. Sales from the calendar go directly towards the Turtle Guardians' tunnel and incubation work. The calendars are $15 and can be purchased online through their website TurtleGuardians.com. The calendars can also be purchased at a variety of retailers throughout the county including Castle Antiques, the West Guilford Shopping Centre, and Glecoff's.

The Turtle Guardians will also be hosting a Holiday Open House on Dec. 6 and 7. Bring the family along to take a photo with Santa's turtle-elves in the turtle photo booth. Calendars will be available to purchase as well as unique gifts, perfect for the holiday season. Snacks will also be served. Turtle Guardians are located at 6712 Gelert Rd in Haliburton and the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meetings Concerning Zoning By-Law Amendments

Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills has received complete applications to amend the Township's Zoning By-law.

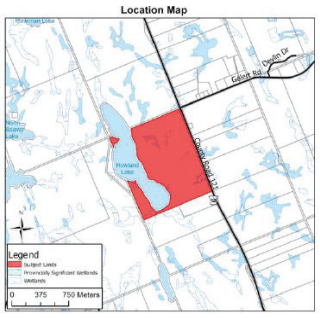
And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendment during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meetings

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hybrid Meeting (In-person and Electronic via Zoom)

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider zoning by-law amendment applications **PLZBA2024016 and PLZBA2024062** pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendment. The zoning by-law amendment applications for Public Meeting are listed below:

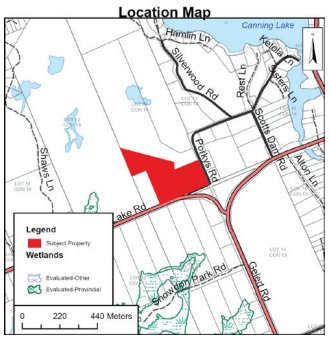
Location Map



PLZBA2024016 - Part Lot 14, Concession A, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, being 5373 County Road 121 on Howland Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and is located within the Waterfront and Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone a portion of the subject lands from 'Rural (RU)' to 'Recreational Commercial Exception (C3-E)' zone, to permit a children's camp with certain site-specific provisions. Portions of the subject lands will also be rezoned to 'Hazard Land (HZ)' to protect the natural heritage features identified in an Environmental Impact Study prepared to support the application.

Location Map



PLZBA2024062 - Part Lot 13, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon, being vacant lands having roll number 4616-042-000-11200 (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural (RU)' and is located within the Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan. The zoning by-law is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-033-24 and H-034-24 and would serve to rezone the proposed severed parcels from 'Rural (RU)' to 'Rural Residential Exception (RR-E)' zone, to recognize site-specific provisions. Portions of the subject lands will also be rezoned to 'Hazard Lands (HZ)' to protect the natural heritage features identified in a Site Evaluation Report prepared in relation to the consent application.

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting virtually can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link on YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofmindenhills4716

To Participate in Person: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday December 11th before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the **Township Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.**

To Participate via Zoom on the Web or by Telephone please email admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday December 11th before 4:00 PM to obtain login information.

If attending virtually, please log-on 30 minutes before the meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to adougherty@mindenhills.ca

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the** Township website at: https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or on the Township website. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at adougherty@mindenhills.ca

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/ made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Amanda Dougherty, Manager of Planning
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
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Giant Trojan Horse to visit County

On Thursday, Nov. 28, the Trojan Horse Tour will visit Minden and Haliburton as part of the province-wide tour. CUPE's Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU-CUPE) and the Ontario Health Coalition are calling for an end to on-going privatization of hospital surgeries and diagnostic tests, and demanding the government invest in staffing and capacity in health care and public hospitals.

The Trojan Horse is a metaphor for a trick or strategy that is meant to have people let their defences down and then get overrun by the enemy, in this case, health care privatization. The Trojan Horse represents the false claim that privatizing surgeries will reduce wait times in public hospitals. Ontario now funds our public hospitals at the lowest rate in Canada with the lowest staffing levels and bed capacity.

Please join the press conferences to show your support in:

Minden 9a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Municipal Parking Lot, near Town Hall

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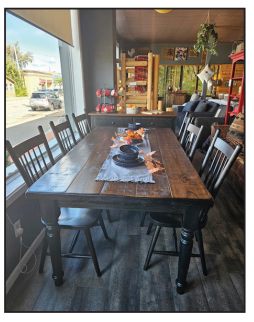

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Refugee family arrives today

The refugee group sponsored by the Minden-Coboconk Refugee Committee is expected to arrive in this community later today. The committee received word Tuesday morning that the group would arrive in Toronto Wednesday afternoon.

According to immigration officials, the five individuals arrived in Winnipeg Saturday. This is a staging area for the incoming refugees where they receive their initial medical attention and begin the long process of becoming acclimatized to the country.

While details of the family unit is still sketchy, the committee is aware that the group consists of a wife and husband, their teenage son, and two nephews who are also teenagers. The husband is a mechanic and one of the teenagers has worked as a watch maker.

The committee has made arrangements to house the family group temporarily in a cottage in the Coboconk area. They will be transferred to the Minden area December 1 after final details have been made for the renting of a home in the vicinity of this community.

The imminent arrival of the refugees culminates several months of preparation which began this summer. Area churches, stretching from Carnarvon to Coboconk, joined in an ecumenical undertaking to sponsor a refugee family. The committee has been making plans for their arrival since then, and had been told earlier this month that it could be up to four months before a family is assigned to their sponsorship. The committee is headed by Reverend Douglas Miller of the Minden United Church.

Second century

Surrounded by his family and friends Charlie Fader celebrated his one hundredth birthday Thursday at Extendicare in Haliburton. On hand to take part in the celebration marking his second century were, from the left, great-great-granddaughter Tanya Castle, granddaughter Elaine Barjarow, granddaughter Sheila Griffin, great-grandson Jerry Griffin, great-granddaughter Kathy Castle, daughter-in-law Winnie Fader and great-great-granddaughter Keri Castle. The staff and other residents of the home joined Mr. Fader in marking the special occasion.

Council upset by delays

Members of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township Council are pressing for the completion of a feasibility study which must proceed the construction of a new library in this community.

The members of council expressed their desire to get the project underway at a meeting held November 14. The study is necessary before Wintario funds, and possibly other government funding, will be made available for the project.

Reeve Sinclair Nesbitt said he felt the new library should be under construction by the spring. He pointed out that the federal government recently indicated that federal funds, through winter works programs, may be available and the municipality should be ready to take advantage of this.

Dr. A. Jamieson, a member of the library board, appeared before council to request that a number of paintings from the Andre Lapine collection, held by the municipality, be removed to Toronto for assessment. The paintings and a number of other objects are part of a collection that will be on display in any new art gallery. The assessment of their value will be required for the completion of a feasibility study. The council granted the permission.

In other library business, the council was informed that no resident of the municipality is a member of the County Library Board. The township has been without a representative for the past three years. A request was made that the council bring the matter to the attention of the county council in hopes of having a resident appointed.

The council also decided to have funds collected at the library for fees and fines placed in the building fund account.

Permission granted for snowmobile trails

The Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council has granted permission to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to brush out a number of trails along municipality roads. The permission was granted, in response to a written request, at the November 14 meeting of the council.

The association will be required to obtain permission for their trails from the adjacent property owners when cultivated trees and shrubs are to be trimmed back.

The areas in question are described as follows:

- Horseshoe Lake Roads numbers one and two in the area of lot 10, concession 7 and 8, both ways from the steel bridge at Mirror Lake.
- Dennison Road east from Horseshoe Lake Road number 2 along the north side of the road in the area already brushed out by Ontario Hydro.
- a portion of McArthur Road from near Ivan Miscio's residence east to the junction of Duck Lake Road.

New bank

Toronto Dominion bank manager Al Mayo, pointing, discusses progress at the new Minden bank as a piece of equipment is unloaded from a truck. The manager says he expects the new facility to be open for business in late January. Most of the exterior work is now completed and workmen are concentrating on the interior work.

Club gets OK

The Ontario Ministry of Labour has approved the use of the Minden Curling Club for the coming season. The use of the building had been placed in doubt earlier this year when a structural assessment revealed the clubhouse could only carry a limited snow load.

Under the direction of the ministry, certain renovations were carried out to the structure. The snow load on the roof must be monitored throughout the winter season and use of the building curtailed when the load reaches a certain maximum.

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